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1 — Site of former foundry in Houston's Fifth Ward among those EPA wants redeveloped, Houston Chronicle, 1/16/18

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Houston-foundry-site-among-those-EPA-wants-to-see-12502157.php>

The Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday it would recruit developers to help revamp a hand-picked selection of 31 old refineries, smelters and historically polluted lands formally designated for clean-up under a federal program reserved for the nation's worst toxic waste dumps.

2 — Slow progress frustrates water quality advocates, Tahlequah (OK) Daily Press, 1/17/17

http://www.tahlequahdailypress.com/news/local_news/slow-progress-frustrates-water-quality-advocates/article_2b00453a-79a6-56da-89ab-4e30a48246d8.html

A number of local environmental advocates are becoming frustrated by the lack of progress on improving the Illinois River's water quality, and are describing the situation as "in a state of limbo."

3 — Pruitt's EPA makes good on pledge to meet with oil and gas firms, E&E News, 1/17/17

<https://www.eenews.net/energywire/2018/01/17/stories/1060071135>

U.S. EPA is holding a roundtable with oil and gas industry leaders next week to hear complaints about regulation and enforcement. A few environmental groups have also been invited, but the meeting grew out of complaints to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt that the agency's enforcement was too aggressive, particularly in the Rocky Mountain West.

4 — Judge cancels West explosion trial after series of settlements, Dallas Morning News, 1/16/17

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/courts/2018/01/13/judge-cancels-west-explosion-trial-after-series-settlements>

The town of West and several other plaintiffs have reached settlements and partial settlements of claims stemming from the deadly April 2013 explosion in the central Texas town.

5 — Arkansas panel stymied on dicamba cutoff, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 1/17/17

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/jan/17/panel-stymied-on-dicamba-cutoff-2018011/?f=latest>

The state Plant Board's cutoff date on spraying dicamba on crops this year moved closer Tuesday to taking effect after a legislative subcommittee could find no legal way to stop it.

6 — Environmentalists ask court for Bayou Bridge Pipeline records, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 1/16/18

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2018/01/environmentalists_ask_court_fo.html#incart_river_index

Environmental groups attempting to block the construction of the Bayou Bridge Pipeline across the environmentally sensitive Atchafalaya Basin asked a state court to force the company to turn over records involving its use of eminent domain to seize private property or obtain easements on property along the pipeline route.

7 — Turning Soybeans Into Diesel Fuel Is Costing Us Billions, Texas Public Radio, 1/16/18

<http://tpr.org/post/turning-soybeans-diesel-fuel-costing-us-billions>

This year, trucks and other heavy-duty motors in America will burn some 3 billion gallons of diesel fuel that was made from soybean oil. They're doing it, though, not because it's cheaper or better, but because they're required to, by law.

8 — Who wins in the new recycling deal? Houston., Houston Chronicle, 1/16/18

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/gray-matters/article/Who-wins-in-the-new-recycling-deal-Houston-12501383.php>

Mayor Sylvester Turner was right when he said the city's newly approved recycling contract is a "win for Houstonians and the environment."

9 — I-10 East closed after overturned 18-wheeler spills molasses, Fox 8, 1/16/18

<http://www.fox8live.com/story/37272834/i-10-east-closed-after-overturned-18-wheeler-spills-molasses>

A wreck has caused lane closures on I-10 East past I-510. An 18-wheeler overturned early Tuesday morning, spilling molasses and causing all three lanes of the interstate to close.

10 — House plots CR into next month, E&E News, 1/17/18

<https://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2018/01/17/stories/1060071121>

The House will vote as early as tomorrow to extend government funding through Feb. 16, as separate negotiations continue on a broader budget deal to raise spending caps that would enable an omnibus for the remainder of the fiscal year.

11 — Partnership formed to build more wind power in northwest Oklahoma, The Oklahoman, 1/17/18

<http://newsok.com/partnership-formed-to-build-more-wind-power-in-northwest-oklahoma/article/5579803>

A global investments firm specializing in renewable energy assets said Tuesday it has entered into a joint venture with Elawan Wind to build a project that ultimately could put 365 megawatts of wind-generated power into the grid that serves Oklahoma.